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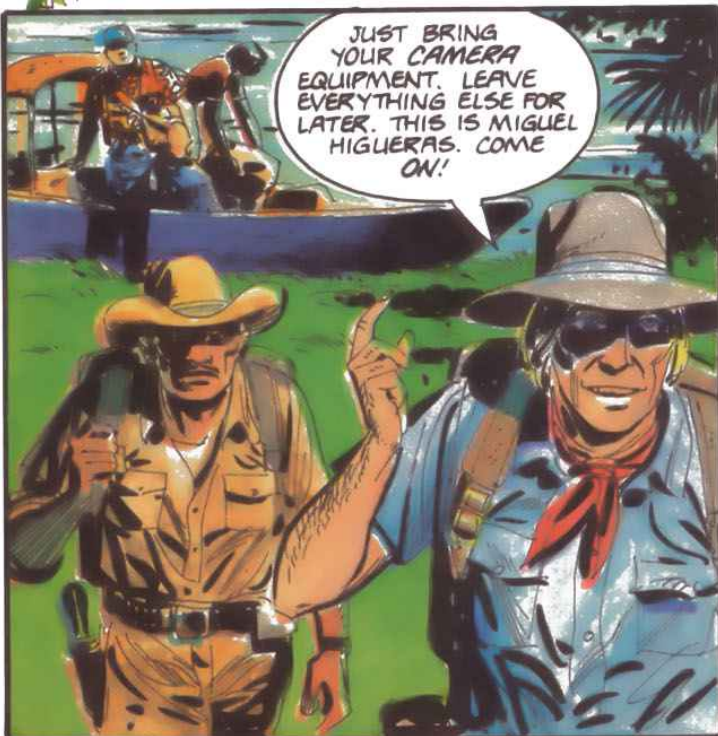
**Photographer Jerry Manley has been asked to
take pictures of a scientific expedition to Venezuela,
led by the distinguished scientist James Atherton.**

It seems like a simple assignment...



THE DRINOCO RIVER OF
THE AMAZON BASIN.

HURRY UP
MANLEY! WE'RE
GOING RIGHT
UP!



JUST BRING
YOUR CAMERA
EQUIPMENT. LEAVE
EVERYTHING ELSE FOR
LATER. THIS IS MIGUEL
HIGUERAS. COME
ON!



I WANT
CLOSEUPS OF ALL
THE SPECIMENS AND
COVERAGE OF THE
SURROUNDING
TEPLUIS.

THE
WHAT?



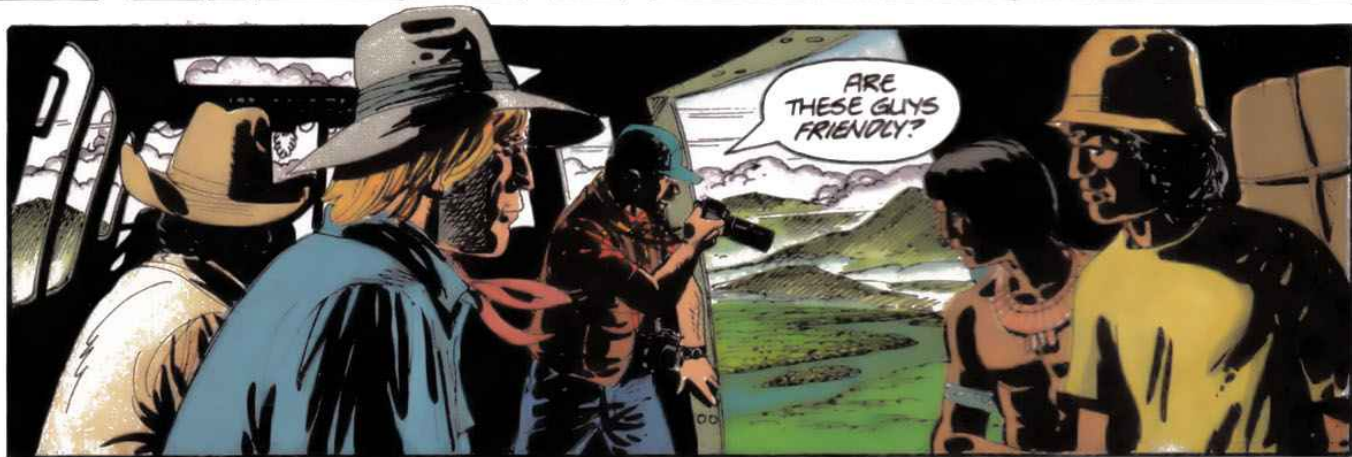
TEPUI.
IT'S INDIAN FOR
MOUNTAIN, WHERE
SPECIES HAVE SURVIVED
IN ISOLATION FOR
MILLIONS OF
YEARS.

ANY
MAN-EATING
DINOSAURS?



ONLY
ATHERTON.

FEWER THAN
HALF THE TEPUI'S
HAVE BEEN EXPLORED.
WE'RE HITTING A
BRAND NEW ONE
TODAY!



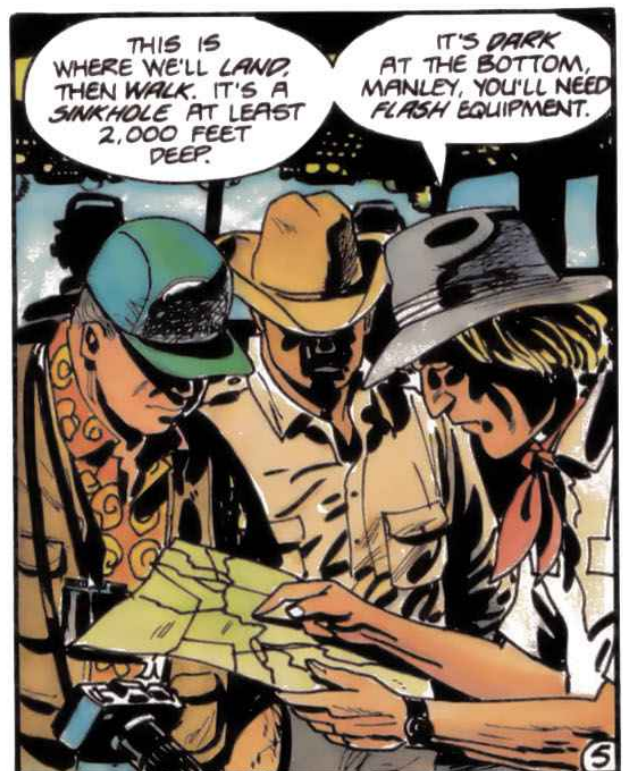
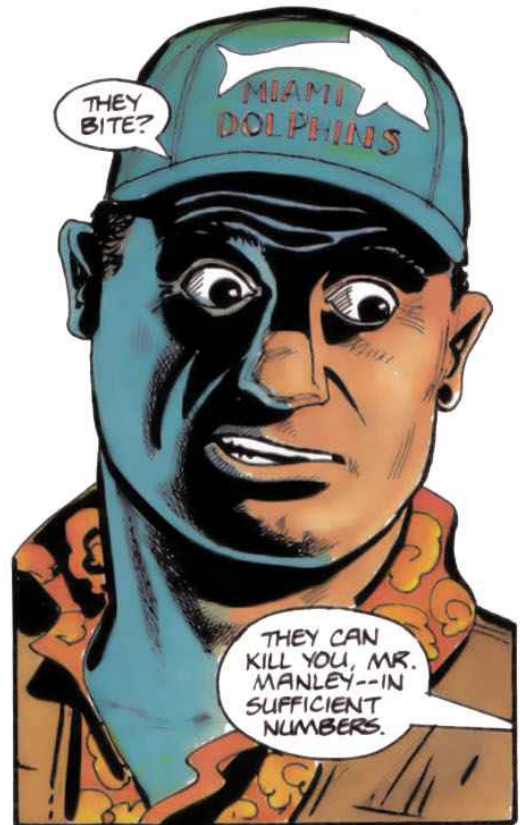
ARE
THESE GUYS
FRIENDLY?



I HOPE SO--
THEY'RE OUR
GUIDES.



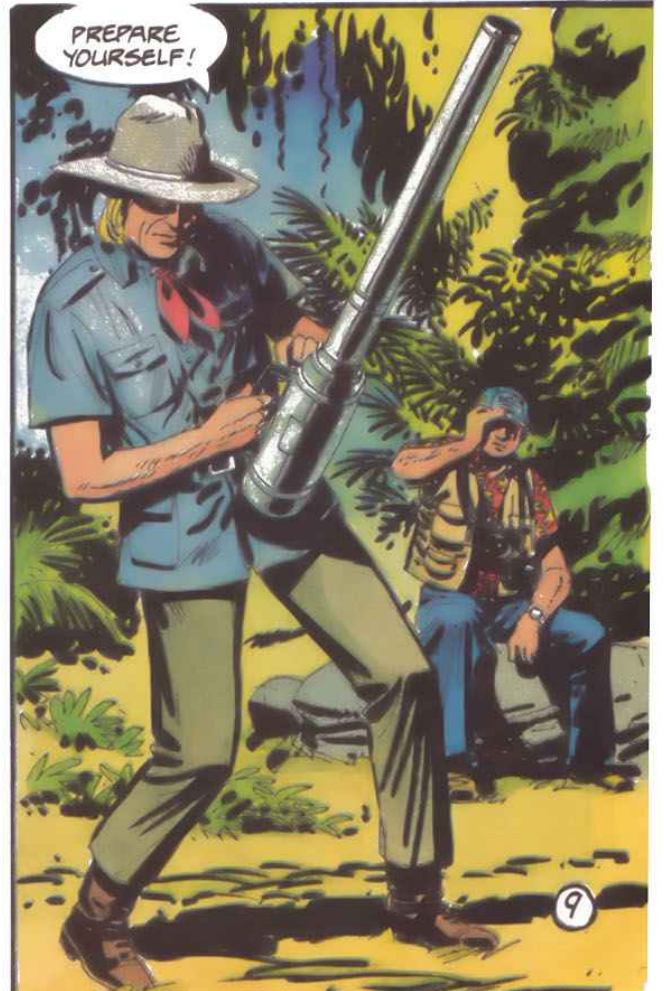
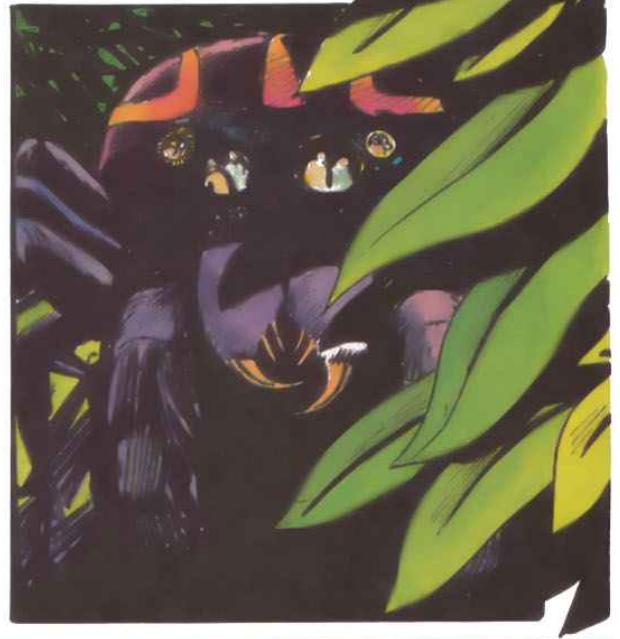
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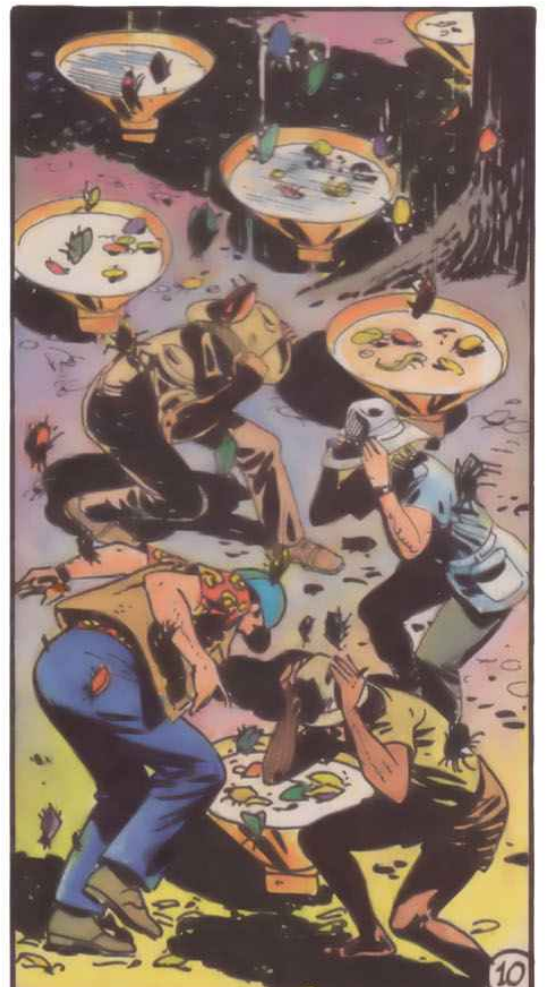
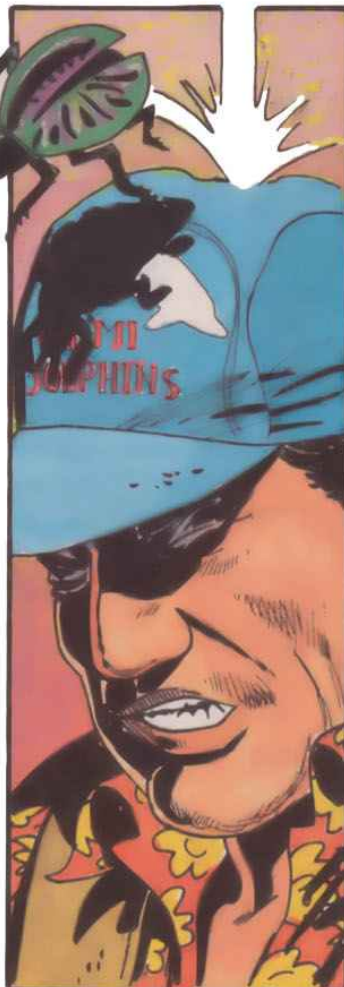
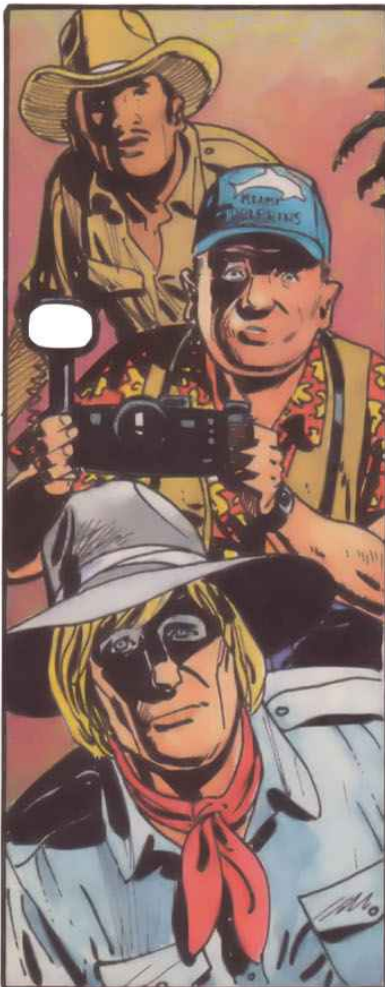


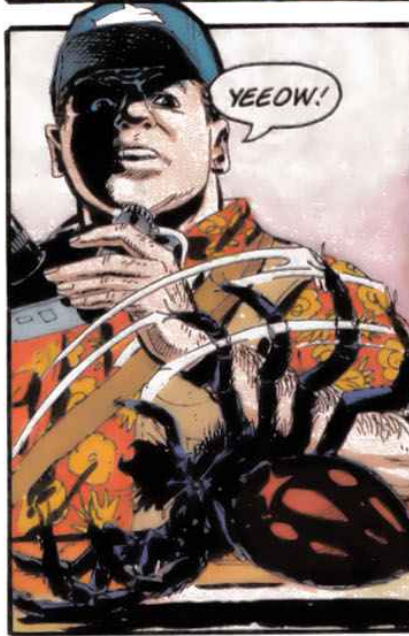
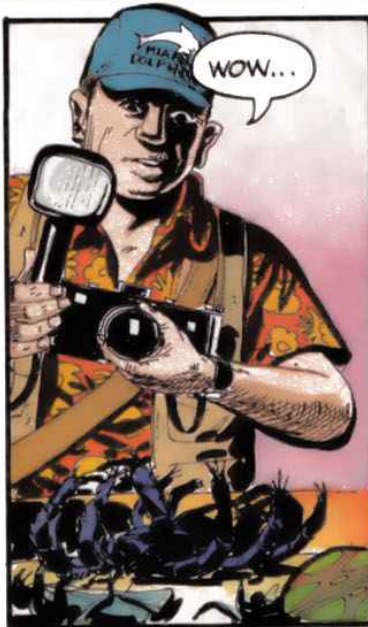
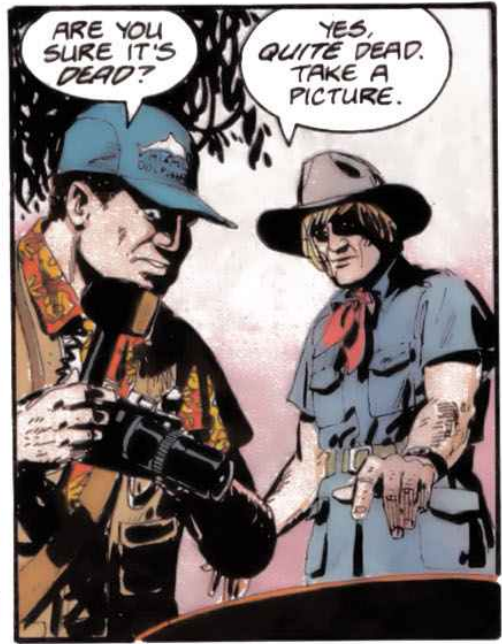
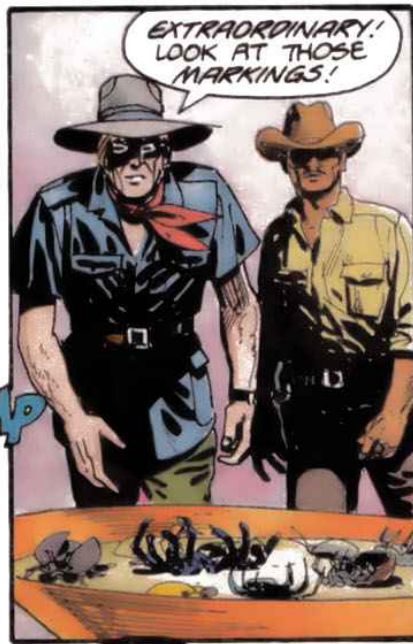


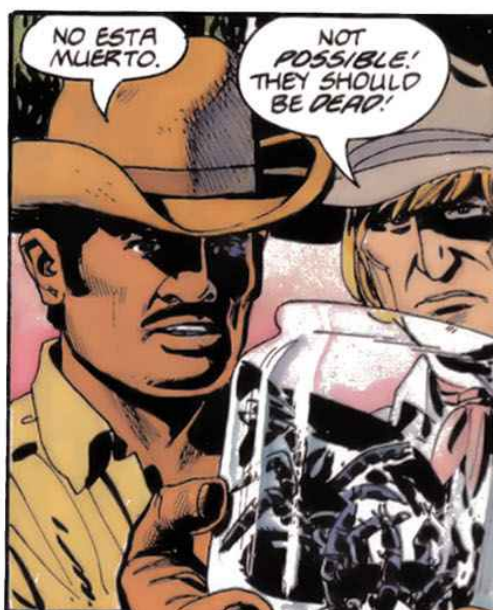






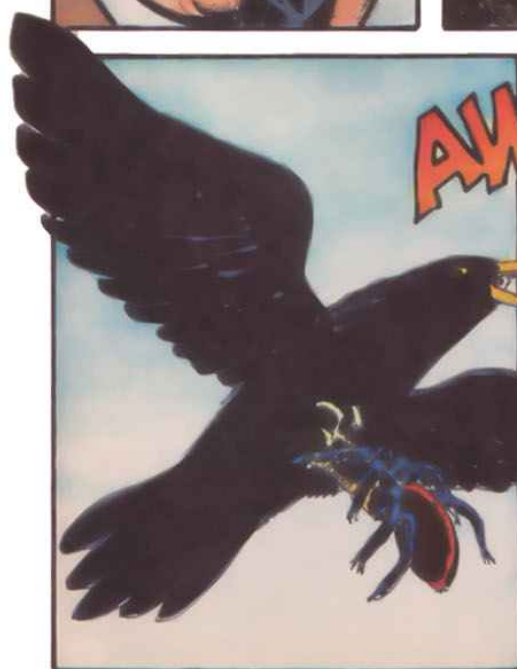
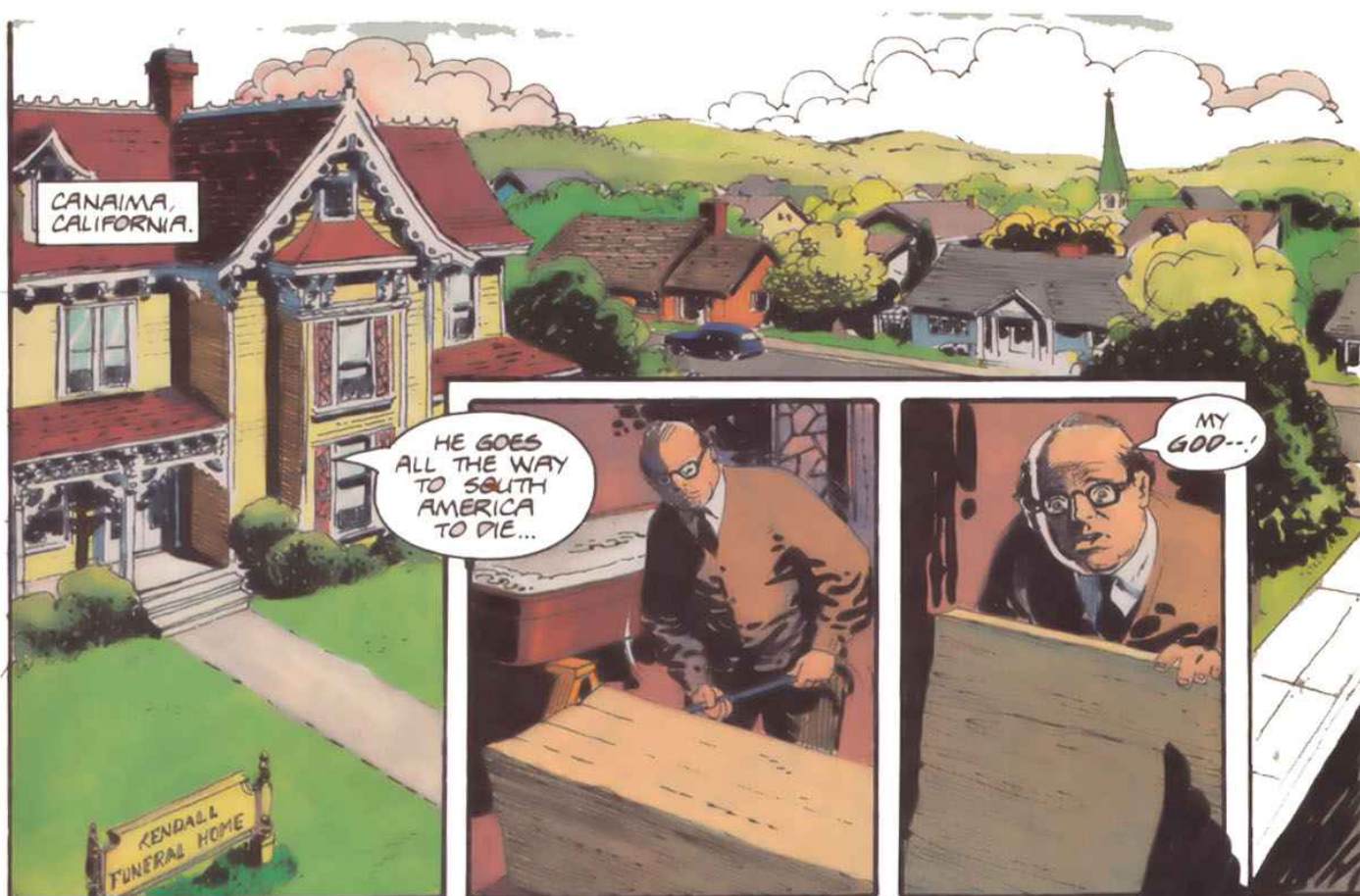




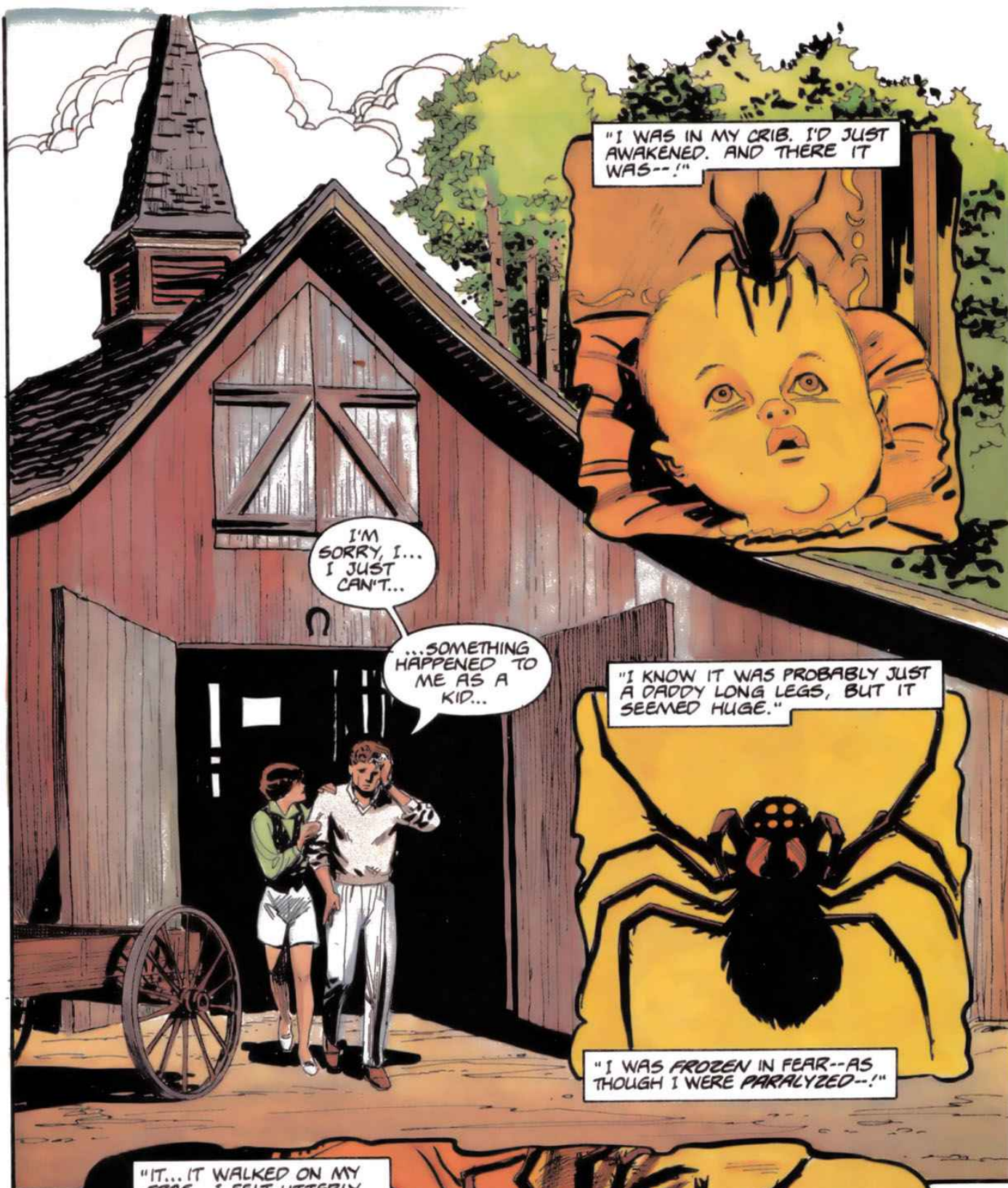












"I WAS IN MY CRIB. I'D JUST AWAKENED. AND THERE IT WAS--!"

I'M SORRY, I... I JUST CAN'T...

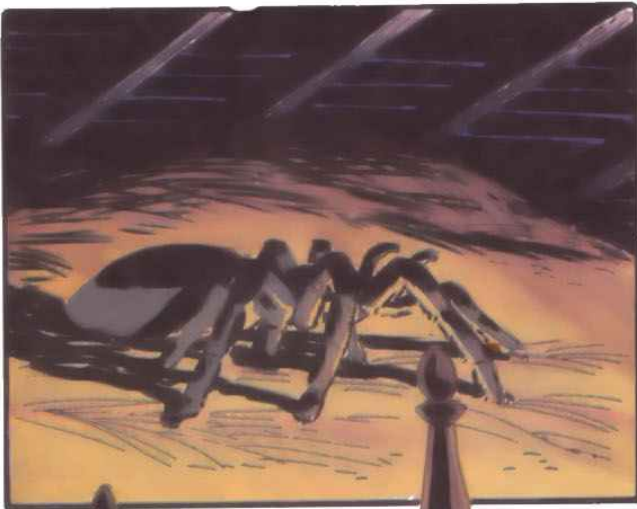
...SOMETHING HAPPENED TO ME AS A KID...

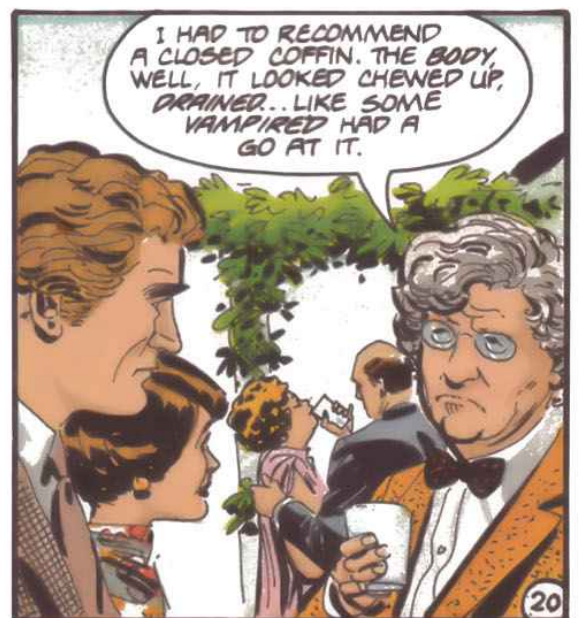
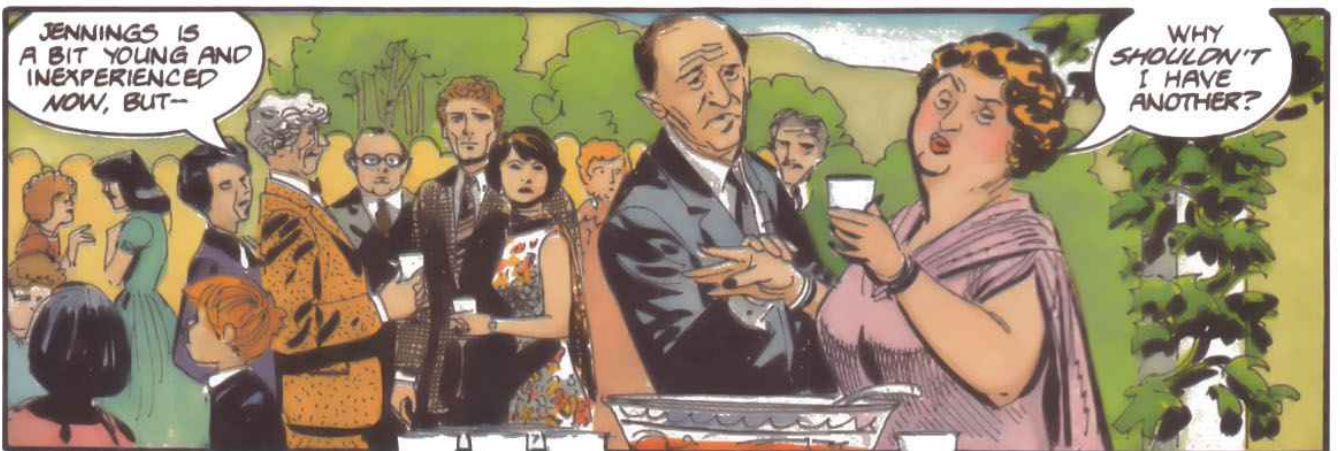
"I KNOW IT WAS PROBABLY JUST A DADDY LONG LEGS, BUT IT SEEMED HUGE."

"I WAS FROZEN IN FEAR--AS THOUGH I WERE PARALYZED--!"

"IT... IT WALKED ON MY FACE... I FELT UTTERLY HELPLESS, AS IF I WAS BEING EXPLORED BY THIS ALIEN THING--"









DEAR,
PLEASE, JUST
REST FOR A
MINUTE...



I MAY BE YOUR
ONLY PATIENT IN TOWN,
DOCTOR, BUT I WANT TO
THANK YOU FOR FREEING
ME FROM THOSE DAMN
PILLS METCALF MADE
ME TAKE.



WITH MY
SYSTEM CLEAN,
I FEEL I COULD RUN
A TRIATHALON!

I'M AFRAID
DR. METCALF JUST
HASN'T BEEN KEEP-
ING UP WITH MEDICAL
ADVANCES.



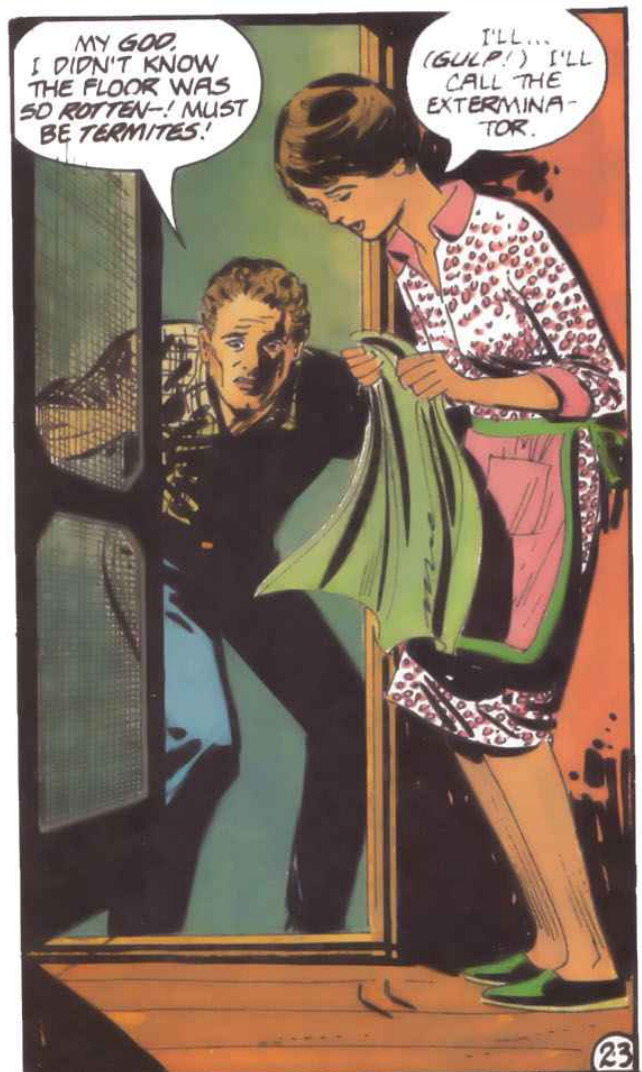
WELL,
WE HAVE TO
THANK YOU FOR
THIS PARTY!



I'M SURE
ROSS HAS MADE
A LOT OF FRIENDS
TODAY.

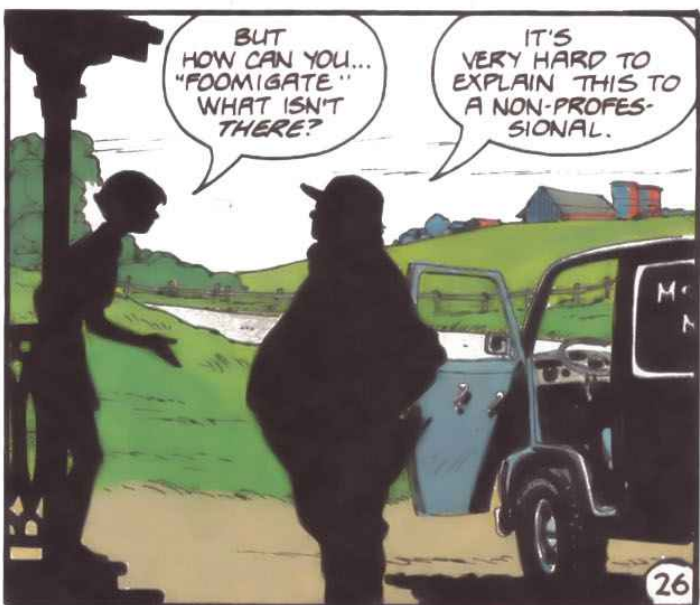
I WAGER
YOU MADE ENOUGH
FRIENDS TO BREAK
SAM METCALF'S
DEATHGRIP ON
THESE PEOPLE.

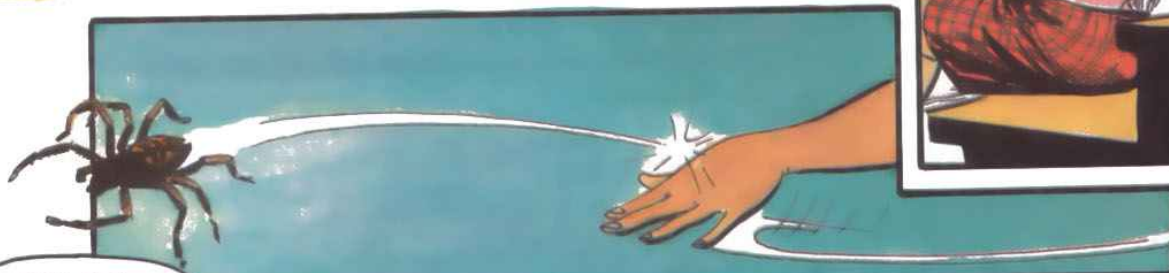


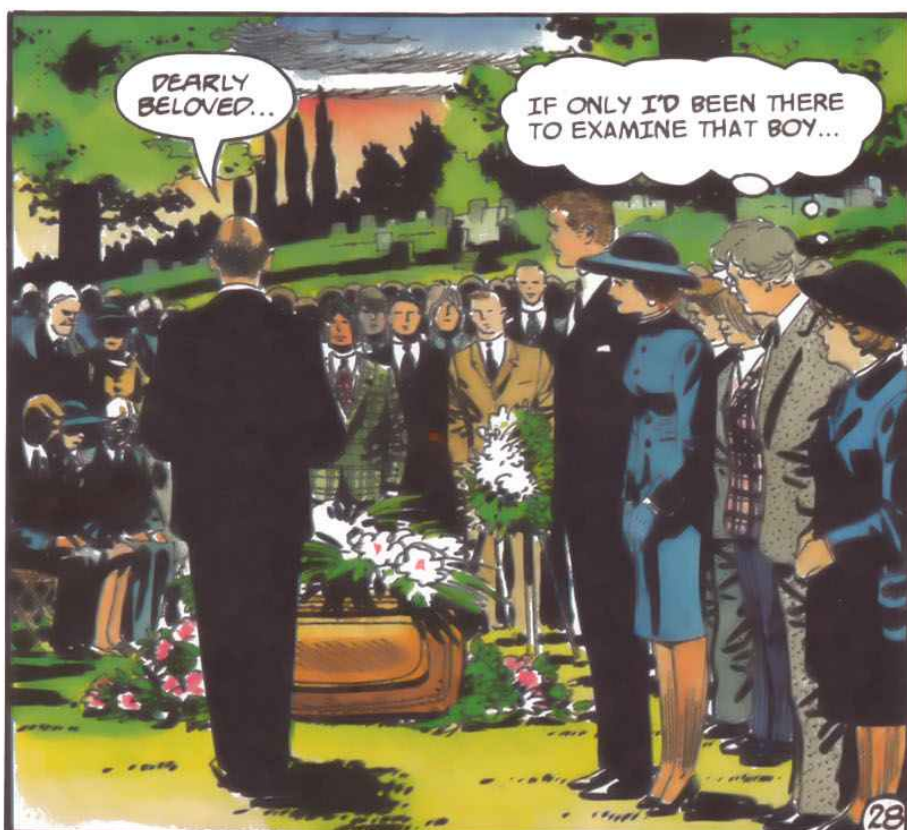




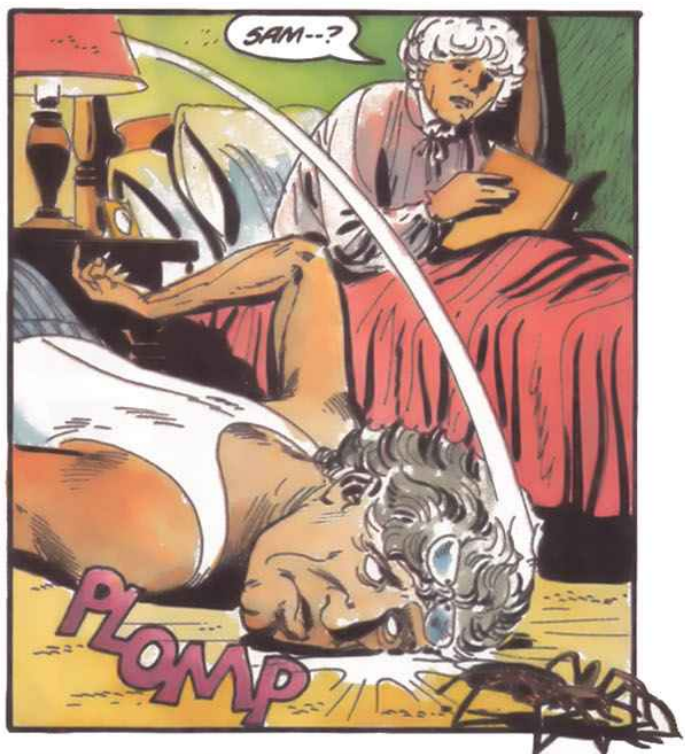














OH, YEAH--SAM
TOLD ME ABOUT YOU.
YOU'RE THE CITY HOT-
SHOT WHO WON'T ACCEPT
ANYONE ELSE'S
DIAGNOSIS.



I'LL ACCEPT
IT IF I AGREE
WITH IT... AND
THERE IS
ONE!

GOOD!



I BELIEVE
THAT'S A
SPIDER BITE
THERE.

I
AGREE.



BUT I DOUBT
THAT'S WHAT KILLED
HIM. IN 20 YEARS I'VE
ONLY SEEN ONE SPIDER-
BITE FATALITY--
INVOLVING A BLACK
WIDOW AND A
YEAR-OLD
CHILD.



MY GUESS
IS THAT OL' SAM
OVER-EXERTED
HIMSELF.

MAYBE SO.
I KNOW THE SPIDER
THING SOUNDS CRAZY,
BUT I WANT THE
CHANCE TO DEFINITELY
RULE IT OUT.

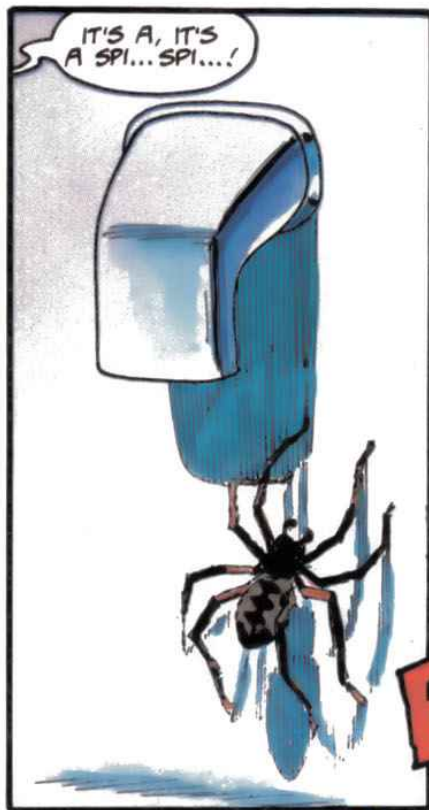


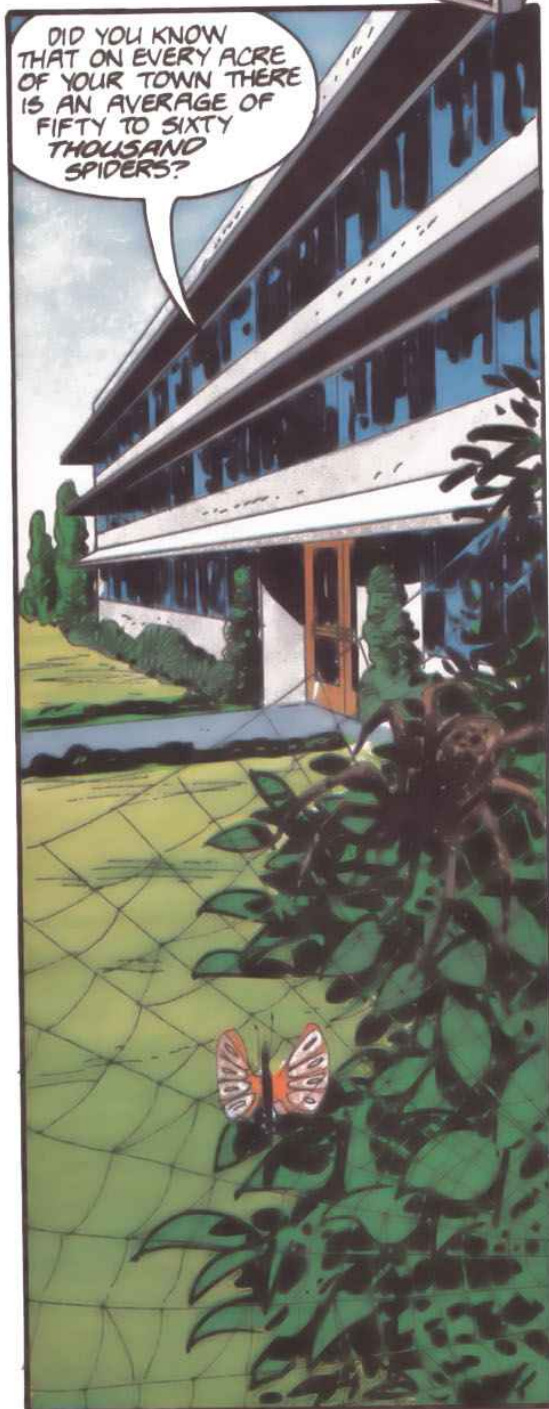
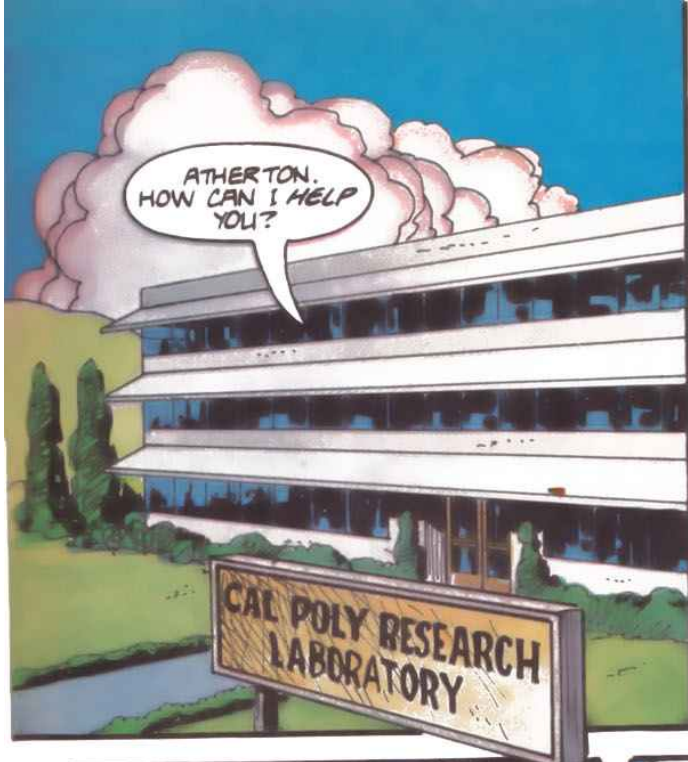
I'D LIKE A FULL
AUTOPSY: TISSUE
SAMPLES, BLOOD
TOXICOLOGY, THE
WHOLE NINE
YARDS.

COUNTY
HEALTH
DEPARTMENT

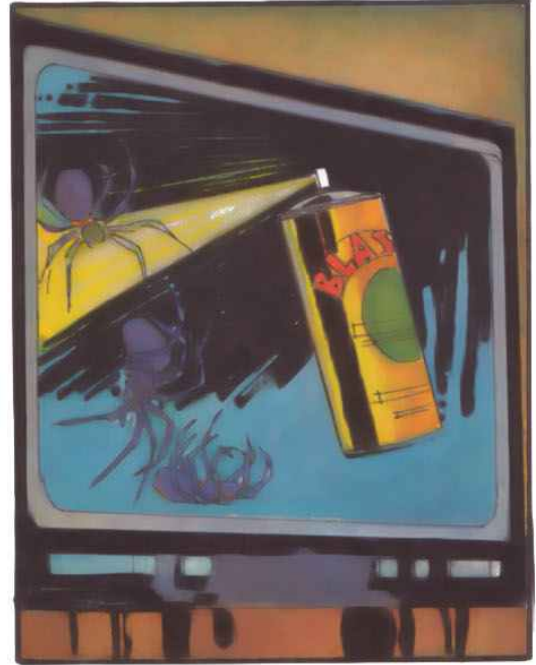
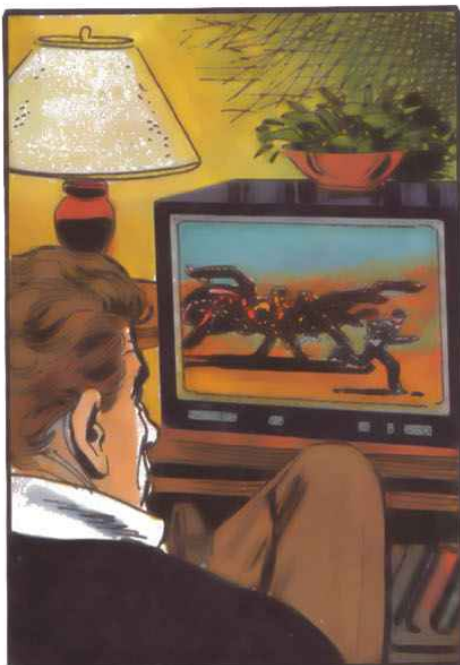
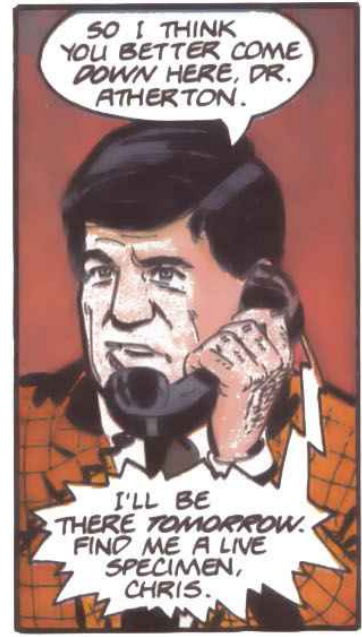












DR. METCALF'S HOME.

LEFTOVERS.
MOSTLY CRICKET
PARTS...WINGS
AND LEGS.

WHAT IS
ALL THAT
STUFF?

COME TO THINK
OF IT, WE HAVEN'T
HEARD ANY CRICKETS
AROUND HERE IN
SOME TIME...

LET'S GO
INSIDE AND
SEE WHAT ELSE
WE CAN FIND.

THIS, UH, NEW
SPECIES OF SPIDER
YOU MENTIONED. UH,
WHERE WAS IT
FOUND?

SOUTH
AMERICA.
VENEZUELA.

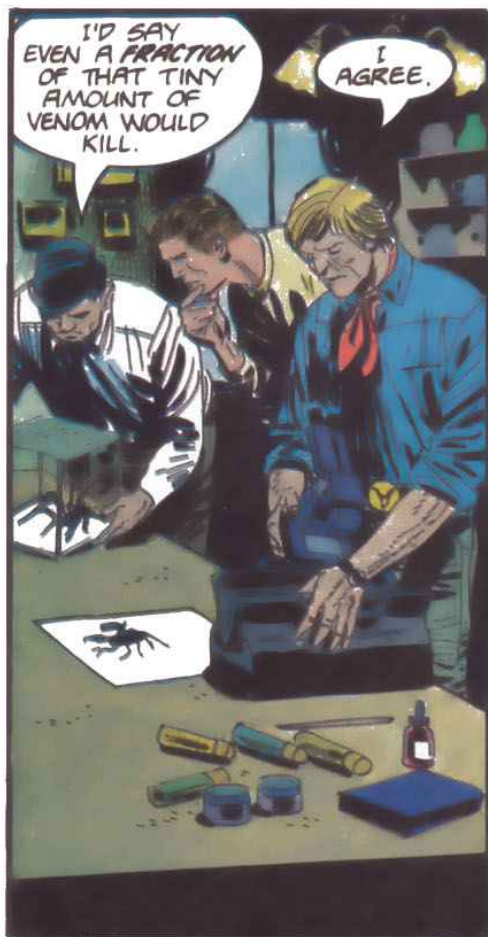
NO!

IT'S
DEAD.

UH...IS,
UH, THAT ONE
OF THE, UH,
NEW KIND?

I'M AFRAID
SO...





I'D SAY
EVEN A FRACTION
OF THAT TINY
AMOUNT OF
VENOM WOULD
KILL.

I
AGREE.



THEY
HAVE NO SEX
ORGANS.



THAT WOULD
MAKE THEM LIKE DRONES,
OR SOLDIERS. IT'S TYPICALLY
SEEN IN HIGHLY ORGANIZED
INSECT SOCIETY--BEES OR
ANTS--BUT I'VE NEVER
SEEN IT IN
SPIDERS.

I
HAVE.



VENEZUELA,
RIGHT?

RIGHT.
THIS IS SURELY
A DESCENDANT.
SOMEHOW A SOUTH
AMERICAN MALE
MUST HAVE MATED
WITH A LOCAL,
POSSIBLY EVEN
A BLACK
WIDOW...

--AND
PRODUCED A
VERY DEADLY
STRAIN!



I'D SAY ITS
LIFE CYCLE IS
SHORT BECAUSE
OF THE ACCELERATED
GROWTH.

IN THEIR OWN
ECOSYSTEM, THE SPECIES
I DISCOVERED IS AT THE
TOP OF THE FOOD CHAIN.
THEY RADIATE FROM
THE CENTRAL NEST
IN A WEBLIKE
PATTERN.

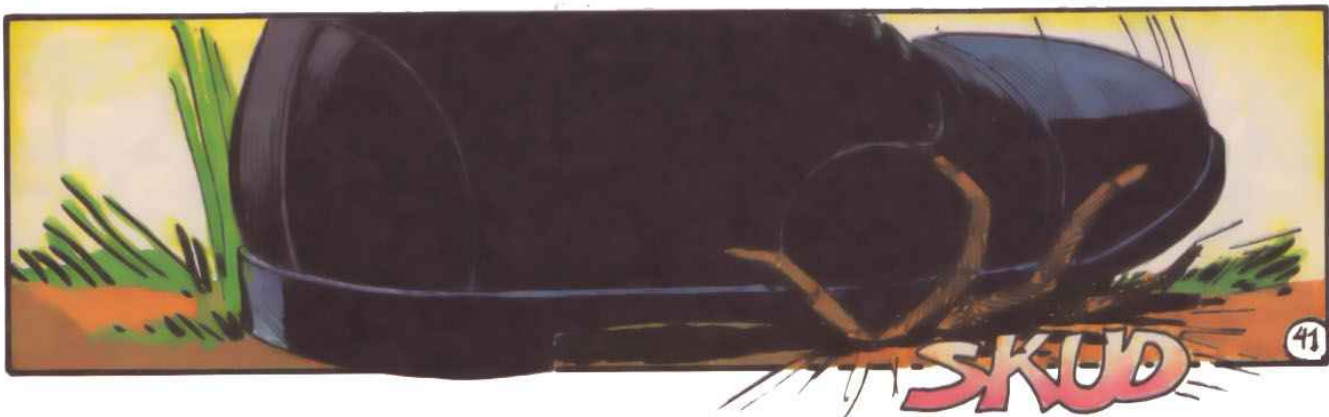
THEIR ORIGINAL
HABITAT WAS CONTAINED
BY A SINKHOLE, BUT
THAT'S NOT TRUE
HERE.



YOU
MEAN, UH,
THEY CAN
JUST SPREAD
OUT... END-
LESSLY?

ESSENTIALLY...

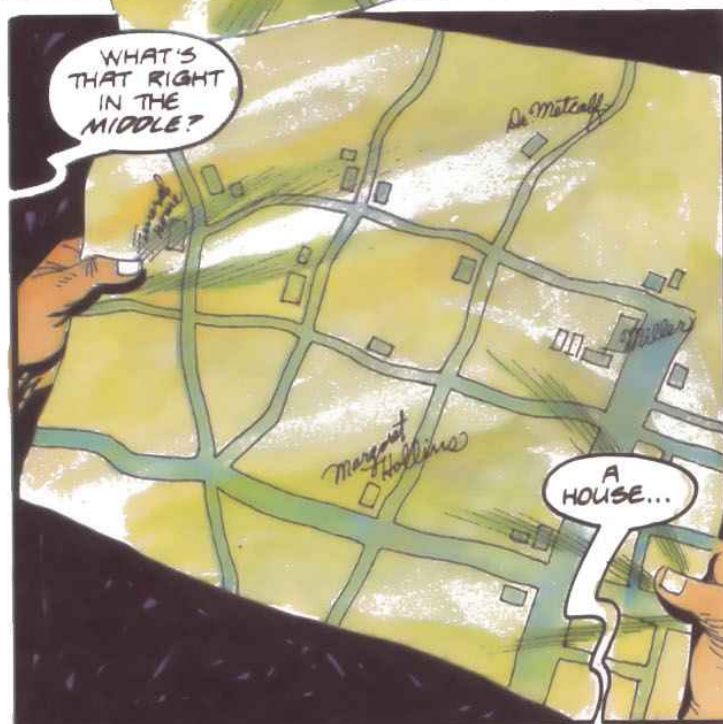
...YES!













THE BARN! OF COURSE!

MY GOD. I'M AN IDIOT! IN THE BARN!



NOT LIKELY THIS TIME OF YEAR, DOC. TOO BREEZY. TOO COLD. NO, THE NEST AIN'T IN THE BARN.

JUST DRIVE, PLEASE.



HERE'S WHAT THE NEST WILL LOOK LIKE: IT'LL BE IN A MOIST, DARK PLACE, AND NO OTHER SPIDERS WILL BE AROUND.

HUH?



SHE WOULDN'T LET ANY SPIDERS NEAR THE EGG SAC.

"SHE"?

THE QUEEN. WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE QUEEN AND DESTROY THE EGG SAC BEFORE IT OPENS! OR WE'LL HAVE HUNDREDS OF DEADLY REPRODUCTIVE OFFSPRING!

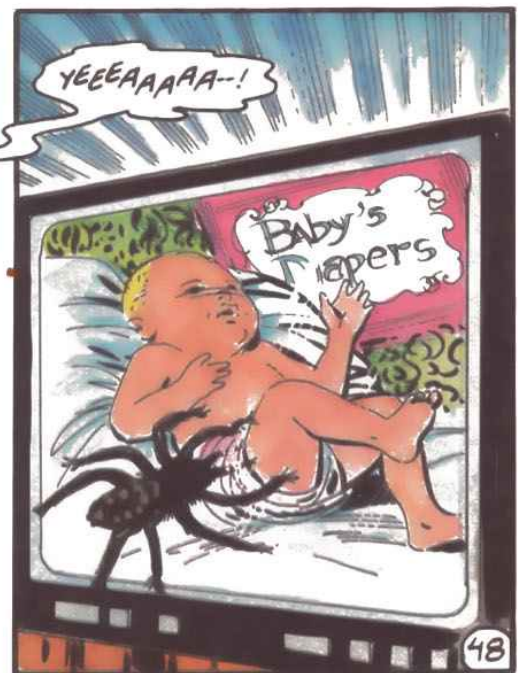


I'M GETTING MY FAMILY OUT! DESTROY WHATEVER'S IN THE BARN!



READY OR NOT, HERE I COME...





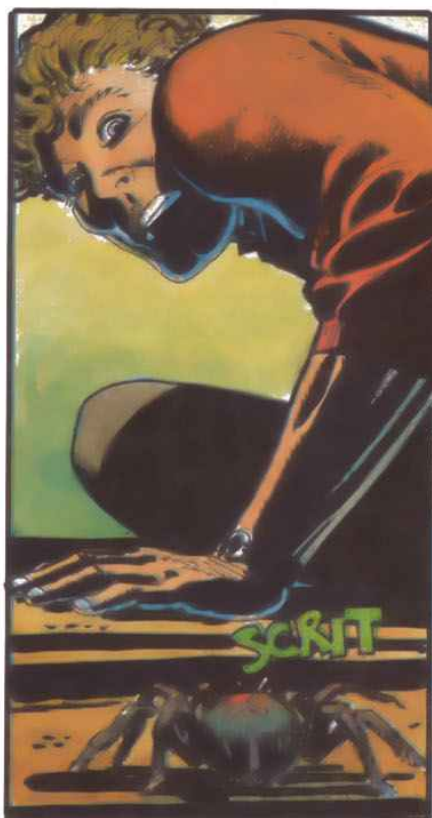


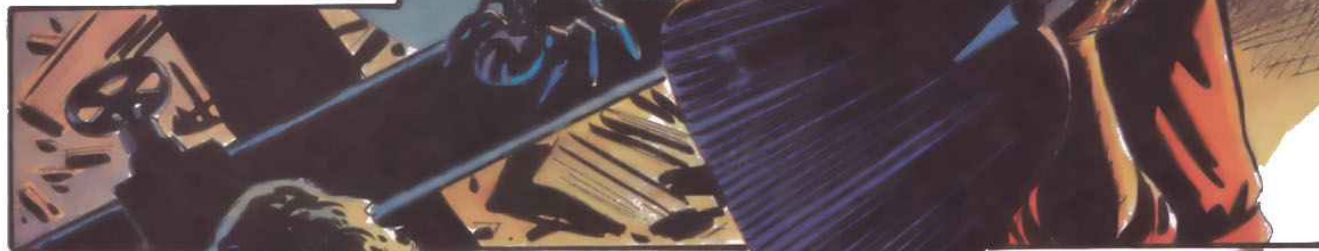


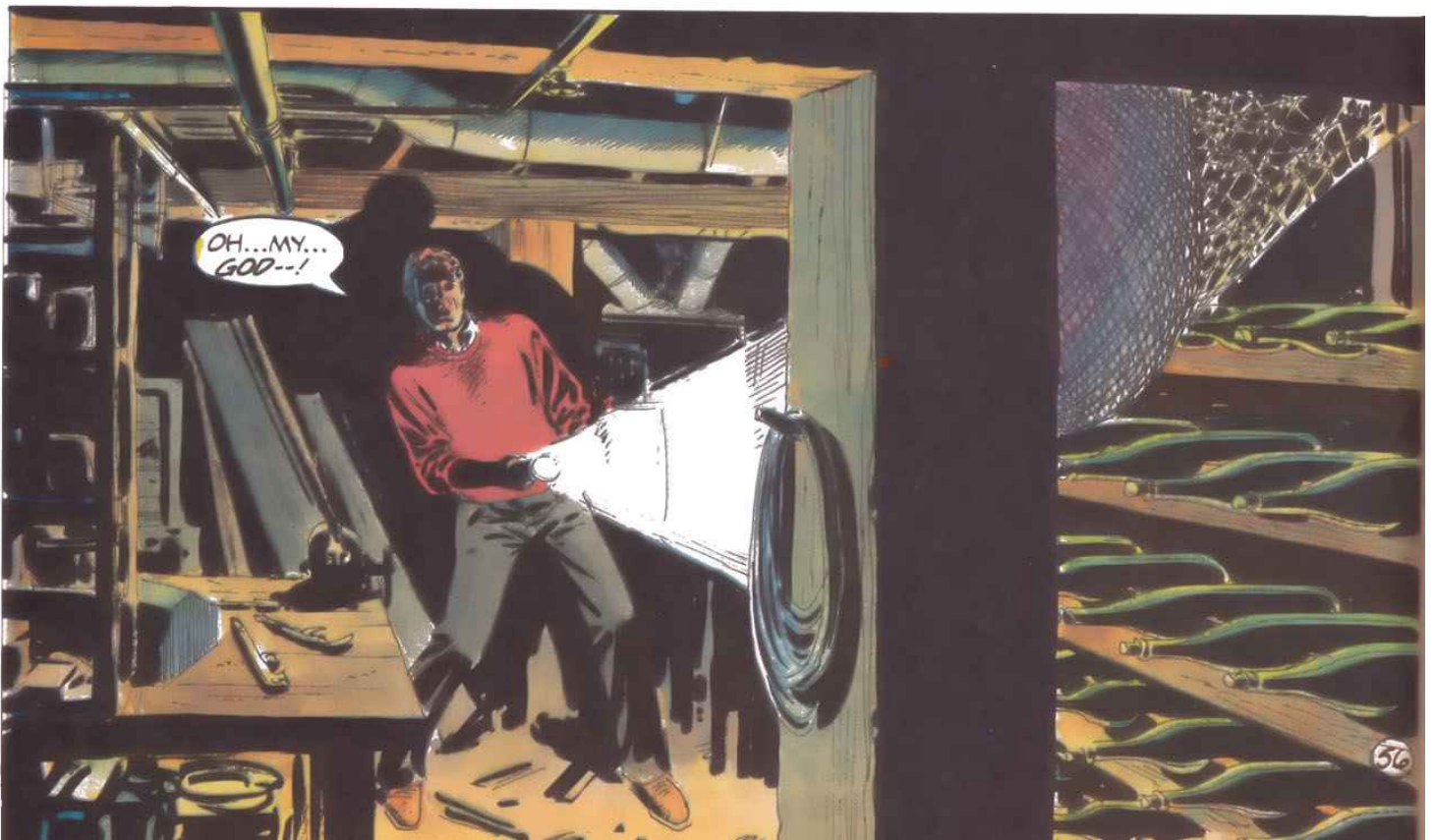






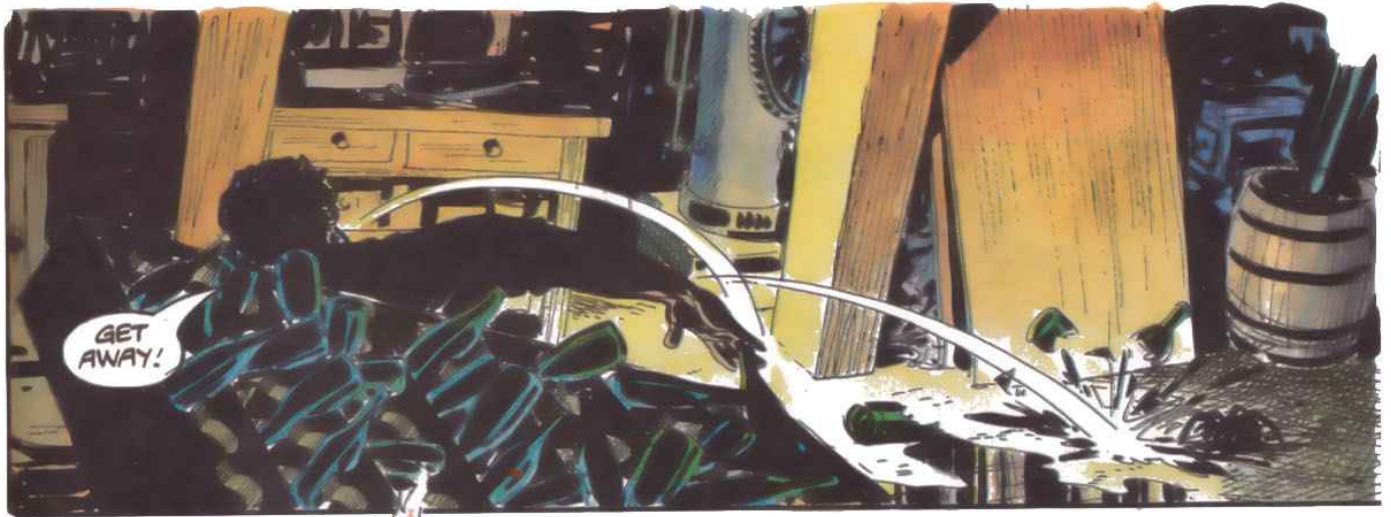






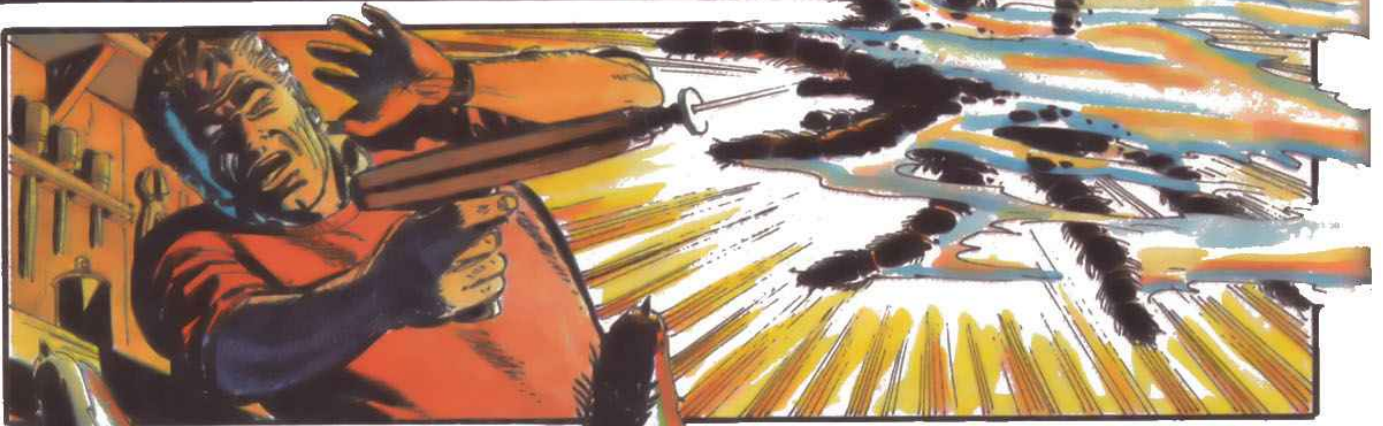




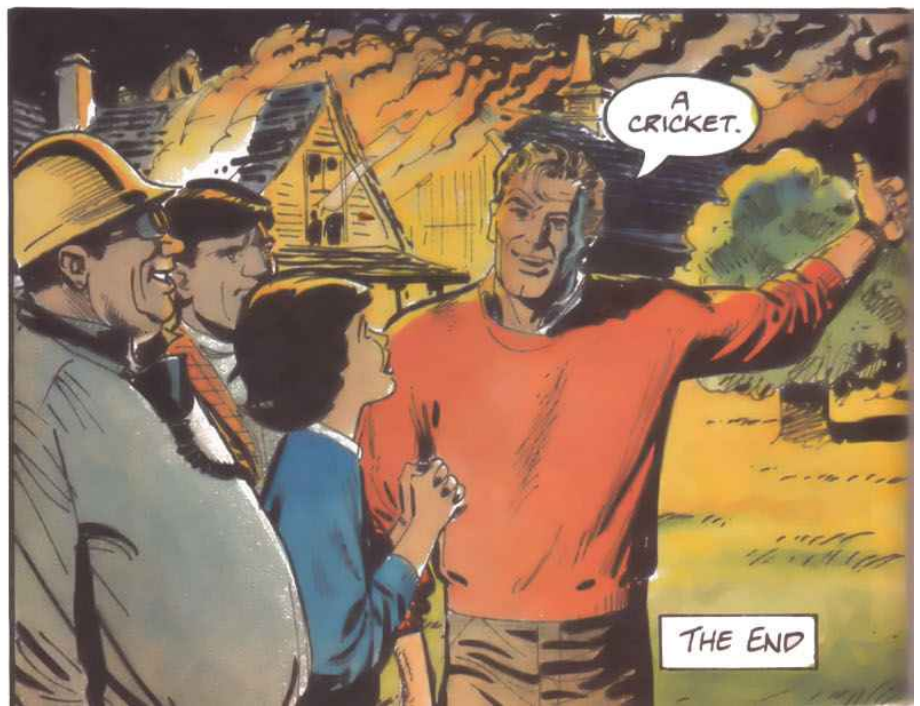
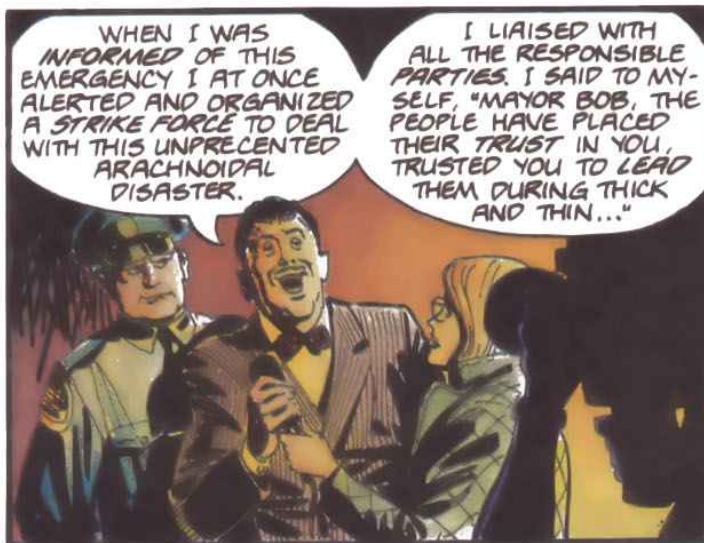












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